

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

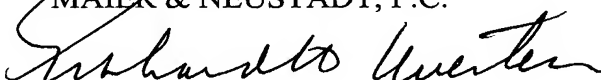
Claims 37, 38, 40, and 41 are presently active in this case. Claims 1-36 and 39 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 5-8 and 11-35 were withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected species; Claims 1-4, 9-10, 36 and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Jozawa, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,785,331); and Claims 37, 38, 40, and 41 were indicated as allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowed claims. Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, the grounds for rejection are moot, and Claims 37, 38, 40, and 41 are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

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